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Re:

Decision of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting

Committee and Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for Duke

Energy Arlington Valley LLC Docket No: L 00000P-01-0117

Dear Chairman Mundell:

On November 15, 2001, the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, through its Chairman, issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for Duke Energy Arlington Valley LLC ("Duke") to expand its Arlington Valley Energy facility by adding a 600 megawatt natural gas fired generating plant, together with related infrastructure. That Certificate was subject to 19 conditions. Condition 16 requires Duke to pay up to \$11 million for certain upgrades to enhance the Arizona transmission system in the Palo Verde/Hassayampa area and to use commercially reasonable efforts to assure that such upgrades are completed. The Siting Committee's unanimous recommendation that a Certificate be issued to Duke has been placed on the Arizona Corporation Commission's open meeting agenda for January 8, 2002.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Certificate by the Siting Committee, Duke and the Commission staff were contacted by SRP about condition 16. Duke and the staff met with SRP and APS to discuss condition 16. As a result of those discussions, Duke, with the support of the Commission staff, recommends that the Commission consider amending condition 16 by adding the following sentence to the end of that condition to clarify the parties' intentions.

Nothing in this paragraph is intended to preempt any Federal Energy Regulatory Commission order or regulation concerning either interconnection or transmission service, nor grants Applicant any



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priority in either interconnection or transmission service, nor guarantees that Applicant will receive transmission service.

There are federal procedures for requesting transmission service. It was always the intention of the parties that condition 16 would not preempt any such procedures. This amendment reflects those intentions and is not based on any new information obtained subsequent to the Siting Committee proceedings.

Very truly yours,

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